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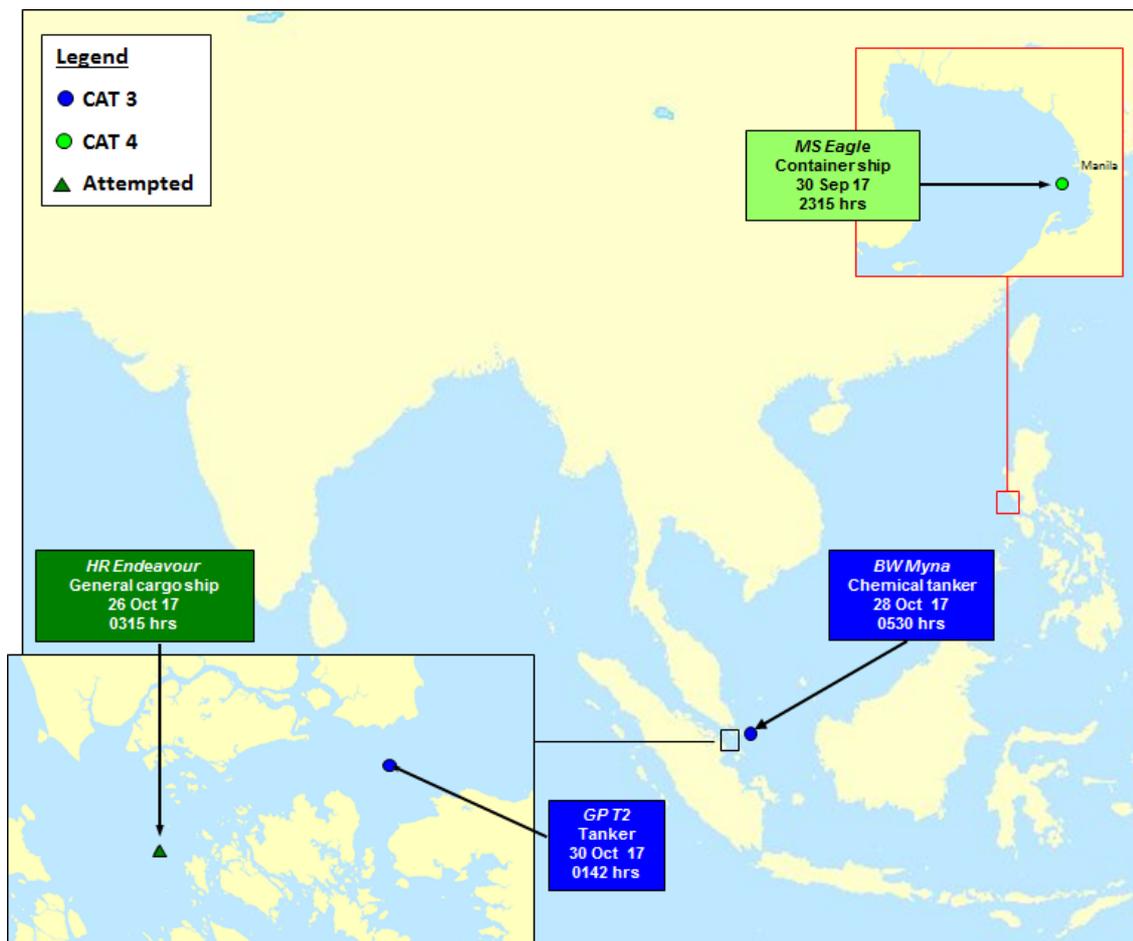
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

24-30 October 2017

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 24-30 Oct 17, four incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ship (comprising three actual incidents and one attempted incident) were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Of these, one was a piracy incident and three were armed robberies against ships. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.

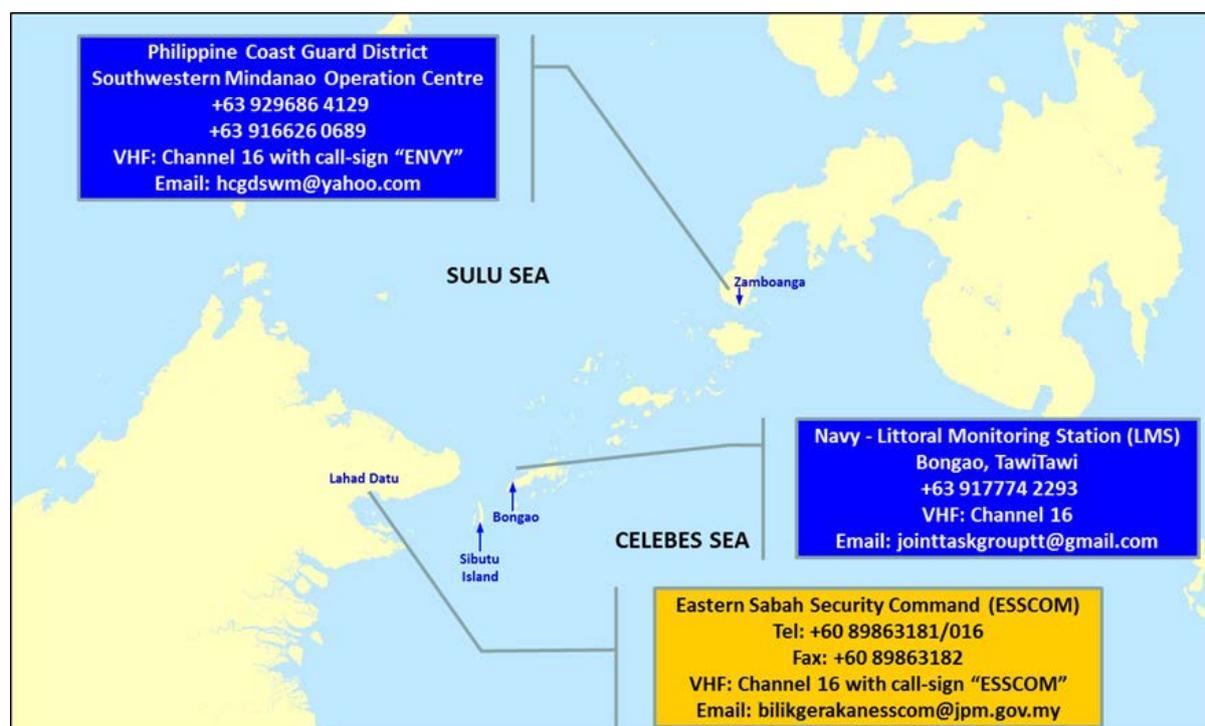


Location of incidents

RECOMMENDATIONS

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
24-30 October 2017**

	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1	MS Eagle Container ship Marshall Islands 28927 9314997	30/09/17 2315 hrs.	14° 33.74' N, 120° 55.06' E Manila South Harbour anchorage area, Philippines	While at anchor, the duty roving watch spotted three perpetrators climbing down through the anchor chain of the ship. He ordered them to stop but the perpetrators immediately jumped into the water and escaped towards an unknown direction on board an unmarked motor banca. The crew was mustered; and an inventory and inspection of ship's property and equipment was conducted.	The crew was not injured The following items were stolen: 1) ten (10) gallons paint; 2) one (1) new electric scaling machine; 3) two (2) fireman Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); and 4) one (1) portable welding machine.	The incident was reported to the ship agent who reported to the port authorities.	Yes Vessel Traffic Management Station (VTMS) in Manila and Philippines Coast Guard (PCG)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	The PCG deployed floating assets and conducted maritime patrol.
2	BW Myna Chemical tanker Singapore 29562 9708083	28/10/17 0530 hrs	1° 27.2' N, 104° 38.4' E South China Sea	While at anchor, the duty officer discovered a hook with a rope secured on the ship's railing at the starboard quarter and a small boat hiding beneath the curvature. When the duty officer unhooked the rope and the boat was drifting away, five perpetrators of average height and in black tight water suits shouted and scared the duty officer with long knives from the poop deck. The duty officer immediately ran away and reported to the bridge using a portable radio. The emergency alarm was raised and an announcement was made through the PA system. The master reported incident to the Navy on patrol.	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The master reported incident to the Navy on patrol. Emergency alarm was raised and an announcement was made via the PA system. All crew was mustered in the mess room and a search on the ship was conducted.	Yes	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	

				At 0537hrs, all crew was mustered in the crew mess room. The suspect boat was monitored moving away from the ship at a relatively fast speed. A search was conducted on board the ship following the incident, and no items were missing and no perpetrators were found.					
3	GP T2 Tanker Panama 57943 9169536	30/10/17 0142 hrs	1° 16.17' N, 104° 13.18' E Eastbound lane of SS, approximately 6.5 nm NE of Terumbu Betata, Batam, Indonesia	While sailing, five perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship, tied up the ship duty oiler in the engine room and took away some engine spare parts. They escaped in a small boat at the starboard stern of the ship. The boat was seen heading towards the southerly direction. The master raised the alarm and reported the incident to the Singapore VTIS. The crew was not injured. The ship resumed her voyage for the next port of call in China.	The crew was not injured. Engine spares were stolen.	The master reported the incident to the VTIS via VHF. The crew conducted a thorough search on board the ship and discovered loss of engine spares	Yes VTMS Singapore, Singapore Police Coast Guard, Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Broadcasted the navigational warning to alert mariners to maintain anti-piracy watch. Notified the Indonesian authorities.
ATTEMPTED INCIDENT									
4	HR Endeavour General cargo ship Liberia 9611 9261073	26/10/17 0315 hrs.	1° 3.73' N, 103° 41.48' E Approximately 1.8 nm North West of Pulau Cula, Indonesia	While sailing, the crew sighted three to four perpetrators on board a small wooden craft coming alongside the stern of the ship. Upon sighted by the crew, the small craft headed in the southern direction. The master raised the alarm and reported the attempted boarding to the Singapore VTIS via VHF.	The crew was not injured	Master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS via VHF.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Upon receipt of the information, the VTIS officer on duty initiated the navigational broadcast of the incident. He also notified the RSN, the Singapore Police Coast Guard and the Indonesian authority.